(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) Since the present capacity mets the requirement of passengers on Delhi-Bhubaneswar route and there is a capacity constraint, Indian Airlines have no plan to introduce A-320 service on Delhi- Bhubaneswar route.

Medical Checkup of Cabin Crew

1988. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cabin crew are subjected to annual medical check-up without formulating compensation policy in the event of medical grounding; and

(b) if so, whether such medical check-up is against the service rule?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) As per Regulation 47 of Air India Employees service regulations and secion 30 (c) and (d) of the standing orders, Female Cabin Crew (Air Hostesses) are required to undergo flying duties upto 35 years which may be extended to 50 years subject to their medical fitness for this purpose. They are required to undergo biennial Medical examination after they attain 37 years of age upto 45 years of age and thereafter they are required to undergo medical examination on annual basis till they attain 50 years of age. A separate compensation policy in the form of annuity in the event of cabin crew being found medically unfit to perform duties of cabin Crew in set out in the Memorandum of Settlement of October 1972 signed between Air India and the then Air Corporation Employees Union. Male Cabin Crew are not required to undergo any corresponding medical examination because from the inception of service, the age of retirement of male Cabin Crew was 58 years without any question of an extention of service in their case.

In Indian Airlines, Flying Cabin Crew are retained in the service of the Company so long as they remain medically fit for duties but are retired on attaining the medical examination once a year after attaining the age of 35 years. There is also a Provisions for grant of annuity for medically unfit Cabin Crew at variable rates which forms part of the settlement signed with the representative Union.